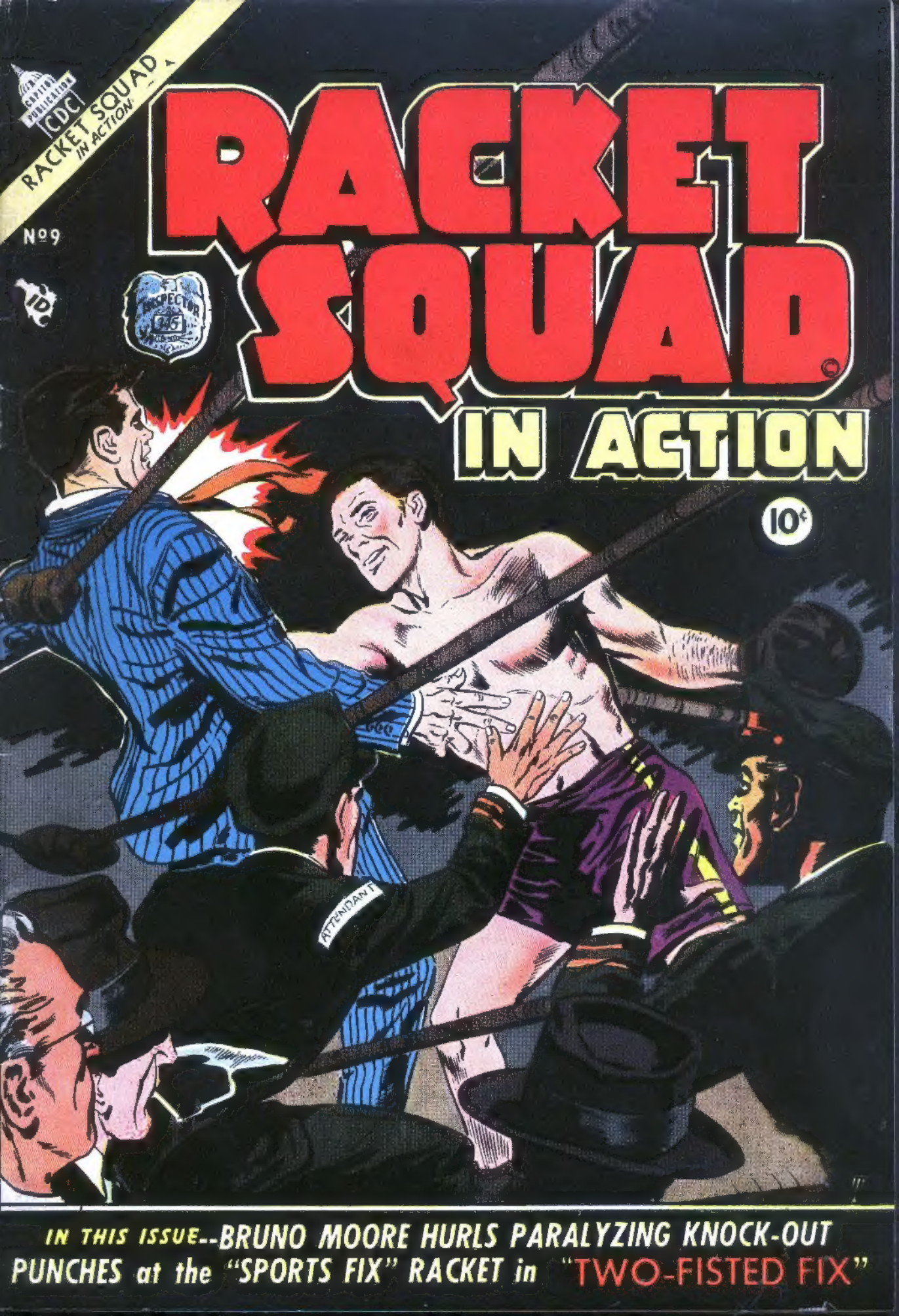
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PUNCHES at the "SPORTS FIX" RACKET in "TWO-FISTED FIX"

"Hey YOU SKINNY You look like SOMETHING THE CAT DRAGGED IN!"

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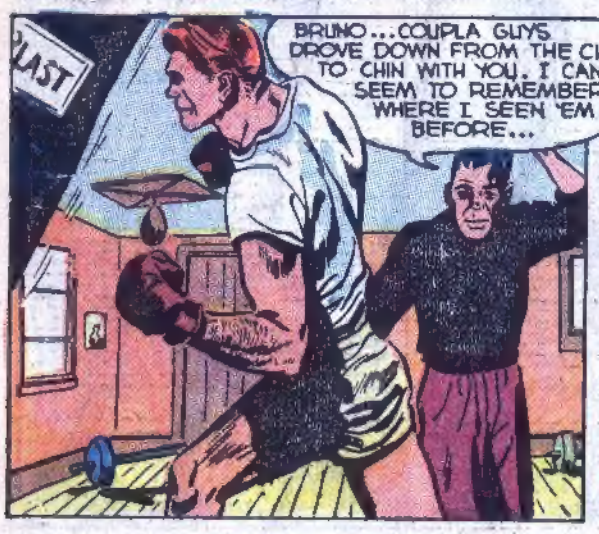
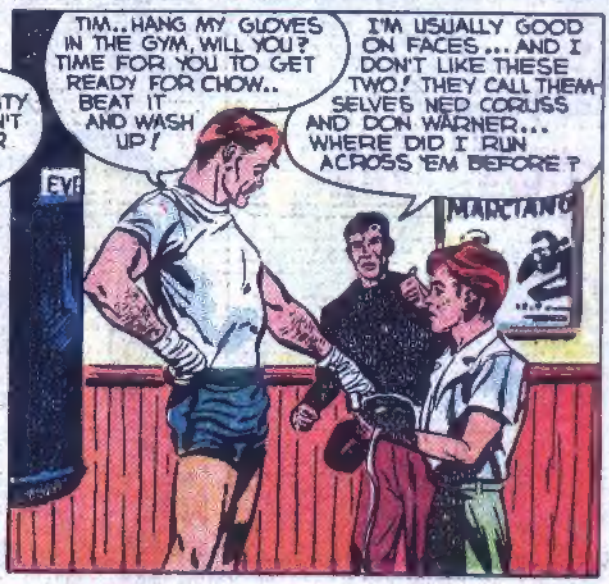
TWO FISTED FIX!

"YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF BRUNO MOORE... HIS ROCK-HARD FISTS HAVE PROPELLED HIM TOWARD A TITLE BOUT WITH THE PRESENT WORLD CHAMPION. BRUNO'S SENSATIONAL STRING OF VICTORIES HAS MADE HIS NAME A HOUSEHOLD WORD.. BUT HIS MOST SIGNIFICANT TRIUMPH HAS BEEN VEILED IN SECRECY. FOR IT TOOK PLACE 50 FEET FROM THE RING! IT WAS IN ROW "G" THAT HE HURLED PARALYZING KNOCK-OUT PUNCHES AT THE "SPORT FIT" RACKET!"
FROLLO
ALASCIA

"UP AT LAKE IROQUOIS BRUNO WAS PREPPING FOR THE BIGGEST BOUT OF HIS CAREER..."




TIM..HANG MY GLOVES IN THE GYM, WILL YOU? TIME FOR YOU TO GET READY FOR CHOW.. BEAT IT AND WASH UP!
I'M USUALLY GOOD ON FACES... AND I DON'T LIKE THESE TWO! THEY CALL THEMSELVES NED CORUSS AND DON WARNER... WHERE DID I RUN ACROSS 'EM BEFORE?
EVE
MARCIANO

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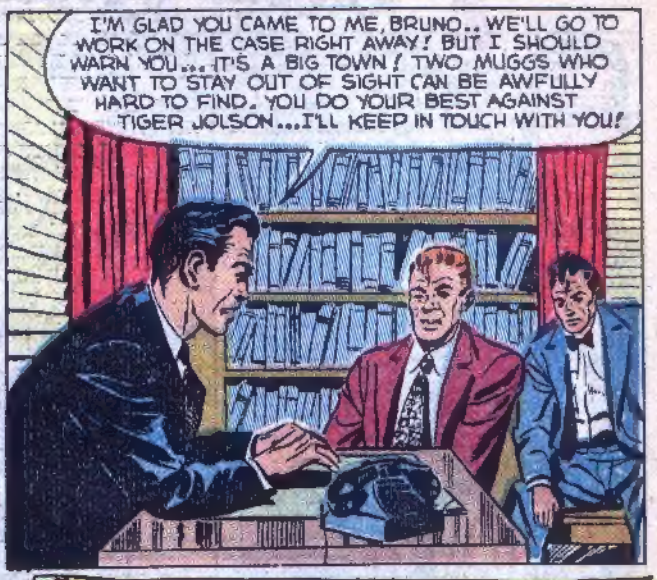
THIS BIG FIGHT YOU GOT COMING UP WITH TIGER JOLSON CAN BE A BIG THING FOR YOU, MOORE! YOU CAN COME OUT OF IT A RICH MAN...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE RICH-MAN STUFF, CORLISS.. BUT IT'S GONNA GET ME A BOUT WITH THE CHAMP IF I WIN!
AND IF YOU LOSE? YOUR END OF THE GATE ISN'T GONNA BE MUCH.. AND IT'LL TAKE YOU A YEAR TO FIGHT BACK INTO CONTENTION FOR ANOTHER TITLE BOUT. BUT SUPPOSE YOU PLAN TO LOSE.. AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE 5 TO 1 ODDS THE BOOKIES ARE OFFERING?
PLAN TO LOSE? ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT I...
A DIVE.. THROW THE FIGHT? YOU'RE A SMART BOY! IF WE PUT UP 10 GRAND FOR YOU, THOSE ODDS'LL BRING YOU 30 G'S... NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT!
W-WHY YOU CRUMMY FIXER...
NOW I GET IT! CORLISS AND WARNER... THESE ARE THE GUYS WHO BEAT A HORSE-FIXING RAP ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO!
POF!
GET OUTTA HERE, YOU LOUSY TWO-BIT CROOKS!
SIMMER DOWN, BRUNO! YOU WANT A CHARGE BROUGHT AGAINST YOU FOR MURDERIN' THAT FAT SLOB? LET 'IM GO.. THEN WE'LL AIR THE PLACE OUT!
SCRAM! AND DON'T EVER LET ME CATCH YOU...
WE'RE GOING, WISE GUY! BUT I'M WARNING YOU... YOU BETTER LOSE THAT FIGHT TO TIGER JOLSON! HE BETTER WIN... OR ELSE!

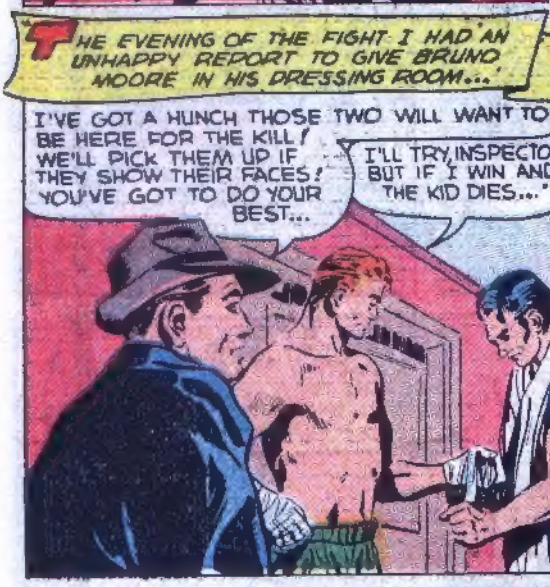
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

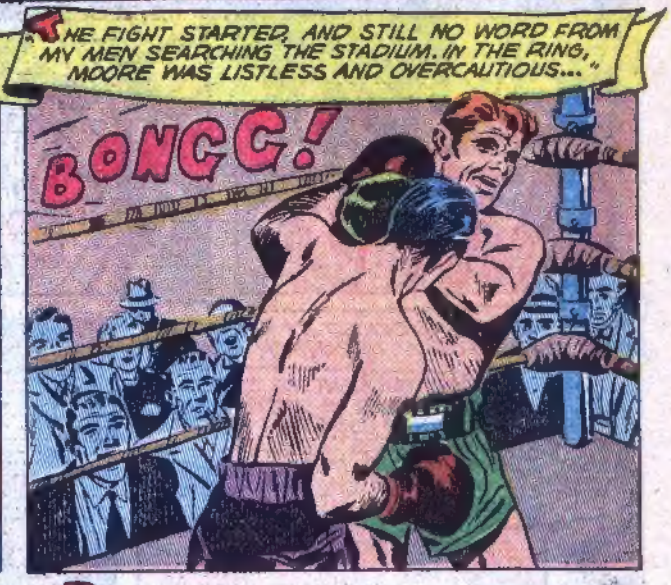
"BRUNO TOOK PADDY BRINKS' ADVICE AND DID SIMMER DOWN. IN THE FLURRY OF EXCITEMENT ATTENDANT UPON THE ONCOMING BOUT, HE FORGOT ALL ABOUT HIS VISITORS. THEN, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE FIGHT..."
IT'S LATE, PADDY... WHERE'S MY KID BROTHER?
TIM SAID HE WAS GOING TO HIKE INTO TOWN FOR ICE CREAM. HE'LL BE BACK SOON...
I'LL GET THE PHONE! HOPE THAT KID HASN'T HAD AN ACCIDENT OR...
NOT HIM, BRUNO! HE'S SMART... HE WOULDN'T CAUSE YOU ANY WORRY ON THE EVE OF THE BIG BOUT!
R-RING!
"LO.. WHO? TIM! SAY, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT BACK HERE, ISN'T IT? IT'S GETTING DARK AND.. WHAT'S THAT?
"MOORE WAS SHOCKED BY WHAT HE HEARD. FOR AT THE OTHER END..."
...AND THEN THEY BROUGHT ME TO THIS PLACE! I'M BEING HELD AS INSURANCE, BRUNO... EITHER YOU LOSE THAT FIGHT, OR Y-YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME ALIVE AGAIN! I..I THINK THEY MEAN BUSINESS...ONE OF THEM HAS A GUN!
HE HUNG UP! GET THE CAR, PADDY... WE'VE GOT A VISIT TO MAKE. IT MAY BE A MATTER OF LIFE OR D-DEATH! TIM'S BEEN KIDNAPED.. H-HE'S BEING HELD AS A HOSTAGE!
"THAT'S WHEN I CAME INTO THE PICTURE."
THAT'S IT, INSPECTOR. THEY'VE GOT THE KID HIDDEN SOMEWHERE.. AND THEY'LL KILL HIM IF I DON'T LOSE THIS FIGHT!
I NEVER SHOULDA LET THOSE TWO HOODLUMS INTO THE GYM THAT DAY!

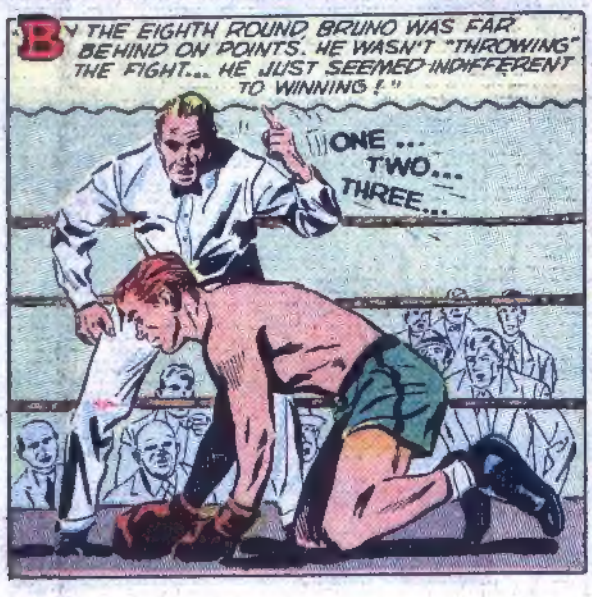
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

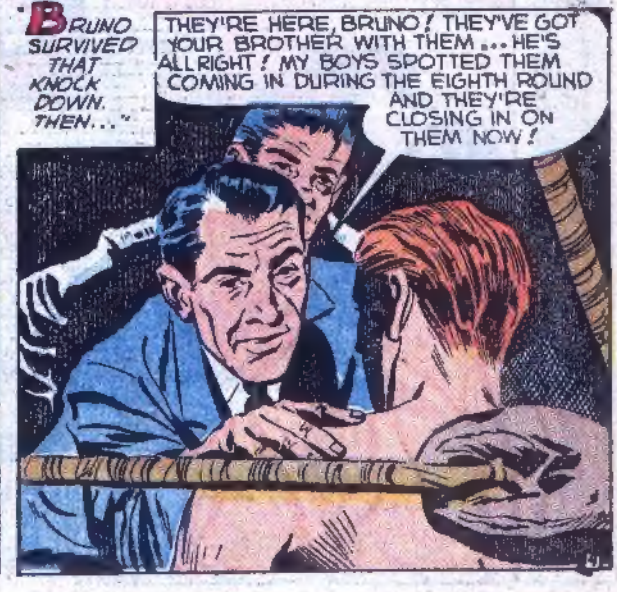
M-MUCH AS I HATE IT.. I MAY BE FORCED TO THROW THE FIGHT! I..I CAN'T RISK MY BROTHER'S LIFE ... WINNING ISN'T WORTH IT! I..I'LL LOSE THEN QUIT THE RING..FOR GOOD!


I'M GLAD YOU CAME TO ME, BRUNO.. WE'LL GO TO WORK ON THE CASE RIGHT AWAY! BUT I SHOULD WARN YOU... IT'S A BIG TOWN! TWO MUGGS WHO WANT TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT CAN BE AWFULLY HARD TO FIND. YOU DO YOUR BEST AGAINST TIGER JOLSON...I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU!


THE EVENING OF THE FIGHT I HAD AN UNHAPPY REPORT TO GIVE BRUNO MOORE IN HIS DRESSING ROOM...
I'VE GOT A HUNCH THOSE TWO WILL WANT TO BE HERE FOR THE KILL! WE'LL PICK THEM UP IF THEY SHOW THEIR FACES! YOU'VE GOT TO DO YOUR BEST...
I'LL TRY, INSPECTOR. BUT IF I WIN AND THE KID DIES...


THE FIGHT STARTED, AND STILL NO WORD FROM MY MEN SEARCHING THE STADIUM. IN THE RING, MOORE WAS LISTLESS AND OVERCAUTIOUS...
BONGG!


BY THE EIGHTH ROUND BRUNO WAS FAR BEHIND ON POINTS. HE WASN'T "THROWING" THE FIGHT... HE JUST SEEMED INDIFFERENT TO WINNING!"
ONE ...
TWO...
THREE...


BRUNO SURVIVED THAT KNOCK DOWN. THEN..."
THEY'RE HERE, BRUNO! THEY'VE GOT YOUR BROTHER WITH THEM ... HE'S ALLRIGHT! MY BOYS SPOTTED THEM COMING IN DURING THE EIGHTH ROUND AND THEY'RE CLOSING IN ON THEM NOW!

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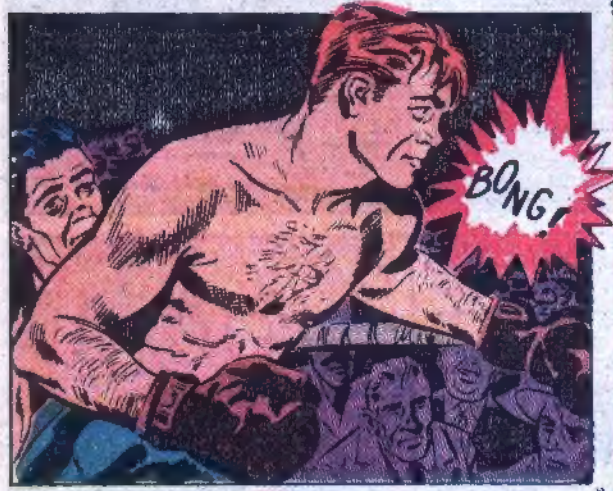
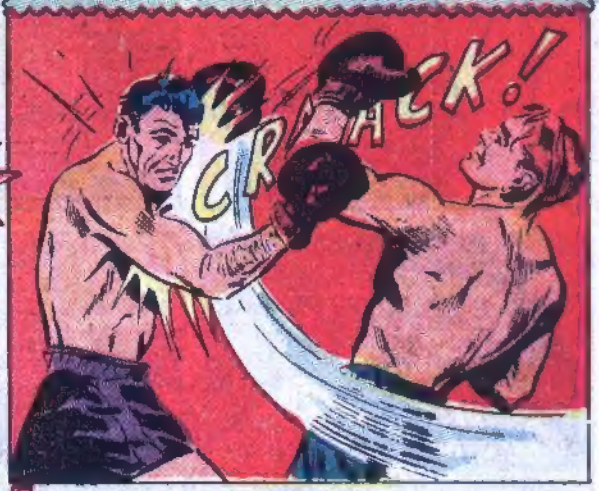
YOU'VE GOT TWO ROUNDS LEFT, BRUNO... GET OUT THERE AND GIVE YOUR FANS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY! WIN AND YOU'LL HELP US SMASH THIS "FIX RACKET"!

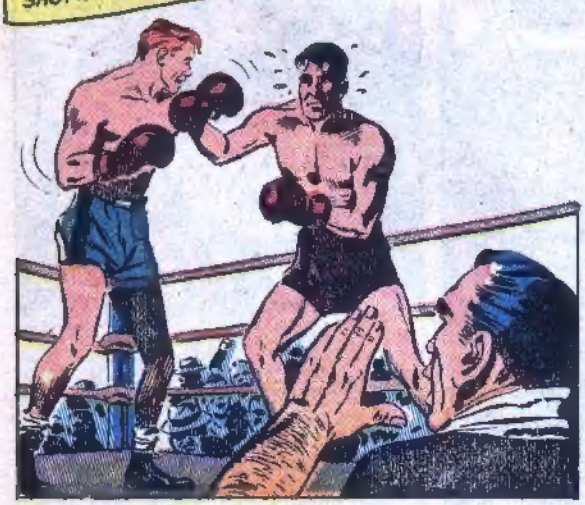
"THE BELL SOUNDED FOR THE NINTH ROUND, AND THE WAY MOORE LEAPED UP TOLD ME HE WOULD WIN IF IT WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE!"



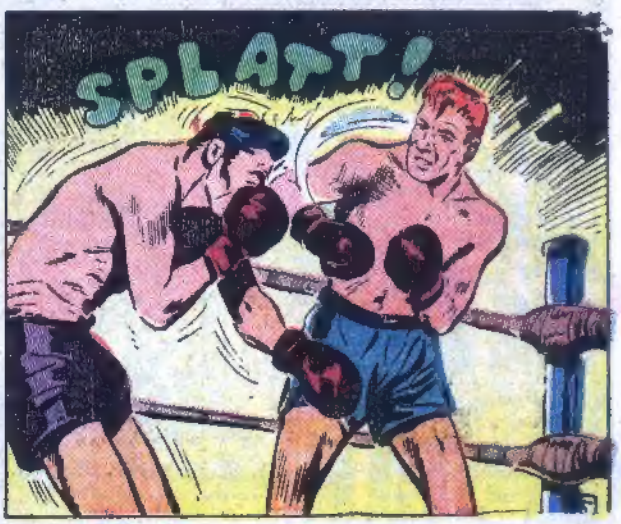
"BRUNO WAS A NEW MAN IN THE NINTH ROUND.. A MAN INTENT ON QUICK VICTORY! THEN, IN THE TENTH AND LAST ROUND..."



"THE ONSLAUGHT WAS SHORT.. AND VICIOUS..."



"IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE.. IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE FOR A HUMAN BEING TO STAND UP UNDER IT..."



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

INTO A NEUTRAL CORNER, MOORE! I DON'T START COUNTING 'TIL THEN!
ONE
TWO
C'MON, REF, HURRY IT UP! I'M SAVING A LITTLE STEAM FOR AN EVEN BIGGER FIGHT THAN THIS ONE!
EIGHT... NINE... TEN AND OUT! THE WINNER.. BRUNO MOORE!
I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST! THOSE CUT-THROATS AREN'T GONNA BE IN A MOOD TO HANG AROUND THE STADIUM!
HERE GOES! HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE TO SAVE THE KID...
THE WHISTLE SIGNALED THE MEN OF THE RACKET SQUAD TO CLOSE IN ON CORLISS AND WARNER..."
THE DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER! GET UP, KID.. WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE!
COPS! THE PLACE IS CRAWLING WITH BLUE-COATS! T-THEY'RE ALL AROUND US!
T-T-E-E-E-E!
STAND WHERE YOU ARE! MAKE A BREAK FOR IT AND YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE!
THEY KIDNAPED ME! T-THEY SAID THEY'D KILL ME IF BRUNO WON!

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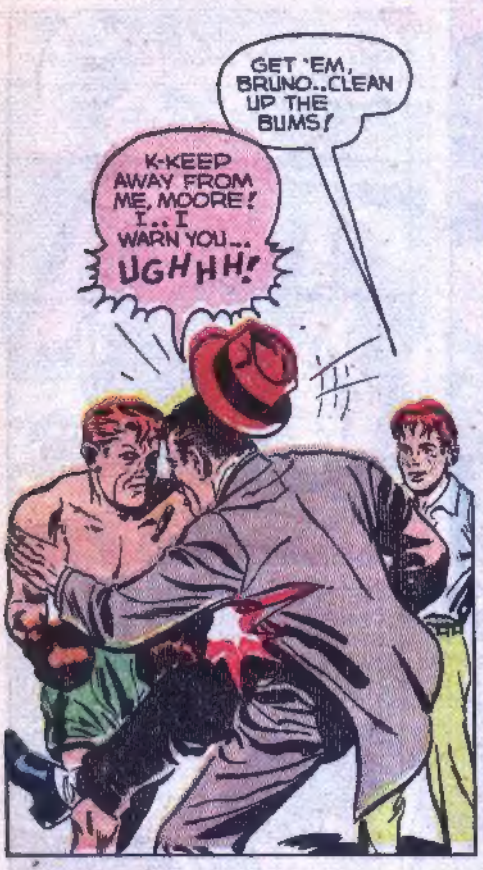

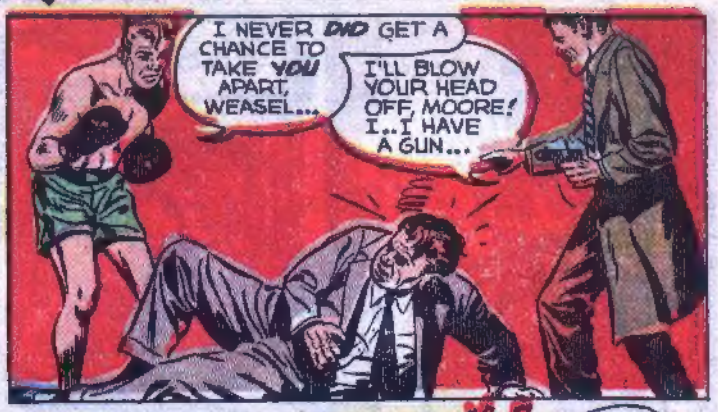

I WANT TO PREFER ASSAULT AND BATTERY CHARGES AGAINST MOORE! YOU COPS STAND BY AND WATCH...
ASSAULT AND BATTERY? NONE OF US SAW A THING, CORLISS... STRANGE HOW YOU AND YOUR SIDEKICK STUMBLED AND FELL OVER YOUR CHAIRS! COME ON NOW, AND FACE THE MUSIC!

MIGHTY SAD MUSIC IT'S GOING TO BE, TOO! ATTEMPTED BRIBERY AND KIDNAPING! THANKS TO MOORE'S COOPERATION THOSE TWO HOODS ARE GOING TO BE FAR FROM THE SPORTING SCENE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME! A FINE FIX FOR 'FIXERS' TO BE IN!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

TEN FOR FIVE

HERE'S A RACKET PULLED ON SERVICE STATION OWNERS BY A PAIR OF CON MEN... ONE PULLS UP AND BUYS SOME GASOLINE...

THE OTHER WATCHES.. AND WHEN BUSINESS GETS BRISK, HE SWINGS IN AND WANTS GAS IN A HURRY...

IT LOOKED LIKE A FIVE TO ME AND I DON'T MAKE MISTAKES OFTEN!
IT WAS A TEN SPOT AND I SHOULD KNOW. IT WAS THE ONLY ONE I HAD LEFT FROM LAST NIGHT'S PARTY. WHAT'S MORE, I WROTE A NAME ON IT..ISABEL KLEPPER ...THE GIRL I HAVE A DATE WITH. LOOK AND SEE!

THE FIRST CON MAN PLANTED THE $10 BILL WITH THE NAME WRITTEN ON IT... THE SECOND FLIMFLAM WORKER ONLY GAVE THE SERVICE STATION OWNER A $5 BILL AS HE THOUGHT!

WORKED IT AGAIN! THAT PUTS US ANOTHER FIVE BUCKS AHEAD!
GREAT! I'LL GO AHEAD AND PLANT ANOTHER TEN SPOT. THE NAME ON THIS ONE IS MILLY MARVIN!

INSPECTOR J.J. O'MALLEY
THE VICTIM OF A HIGH-PRESSURE SWINDLE IS NOT ALWAYS AN UNSUSPECTING INDIVIDUAL.. EVEN THE MOST EFFICIENT BUSINESS FIRM CAN, ON OCCASION, BITE AT THE CRIMINAL'S BAIT! IN THIS CASE READ HOW AN OVER-ALERT DEPARTMENT STORE FELL FOR ONE OF THE OLDEST DODGES IN THE CROOK'S GRAB-BAG OF ILLEGAL TRICKS!
REVERSE TWIST
ARREST ME FOR STEALING FROM LACY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, WILL YOU? HERE'S THE SALES SLIP FOR THOSE GLOVES! I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, MR. MANAGER ..I'M SUING YOU FOR FALSE ARREST!
GLOVES
FRUILLO
FALSE ARREST? B-BUT IT'S ALL A..A TERRIBLE MISTAKE, MA'AM...
IT CERTAINLY IS! A MISTAKE THAT'S GOING TO BRING YOU INTO COURT, MR PETERS! UNLESS OF COURSE, YOU'RE WILLING TO LISTEN TO REASON!
I'VE GOT YOU DEAD TO-RIGHTS, AND YOU KNOW IT! I'M WILLING, HOWEVER, TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST LACY'S FOR... $500! IN CASH, RIGHT NOW!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

FOUR-SIXTY.. FOUR EIGHTY.. FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS! IT'S ALL HERE, JUST AS YOU REQUESTED! YOU PROMISE TO DROP CHARGES OF FALSE ARREST?
SURE, SURE! MY FEELINGS'VE BEEN SOOTHED ALREADY!
I DON'T IMAGINE YOU'D ENJOY BEING THE DEFENDANT IN A LAW-SUIT, WOULD YOU? THIS WAY NO ONE'S INCONVENIENCED!
Y-YES, OF COURSE! PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES!
HOW COULD A MISTAKE OF THIS KIND BE MADE MISS TRENT? AND YOU, EDWARDS .. WHAT KIND OF STORE DETECTIVE ARE YOU? ARRESTING HER FOR STEALING WHAT SHE PURCHASED!
TIE
THESE GLOVES SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE PURCHASED AT MY COUNTER, MR. PETERS... I'D SOLD THEM TO A SHORT, PLUMP MAN! NOT TO HER! ABOUT A HALF HOUR AGO HE CAME IN AND...
WHAT?
HOLD IT, MISS TRENT! THIS BEGINS TO SOUND LIKE SOMETHING FOR THE RACKET SQUAD... THE KIND OF TRICK INSPECTOR O'MALLEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN! I'M CALLING HIM RIGHT NOW!
ECT 16
I WAS IN THE MIDST OF INVESTIGATING A HOT CAR OPERATION WHEN THE CALL CAME FROM LACY'S DEPARTMENT STORE.
...AND SHE JUST WALKED OUT, EH? CAN YOU COME RIGHT OVER, MR. PETERS.. AND BRING MISS TRENT AND MR. EDWARDS? GOOD! I'LL SEE YOU IN 15 MINUTES...

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

WHEN THEY ARRIVED I HAD MY ASSISTANT STEVE PRYOR, TAKE DOWN THEIR STATEMENTS...
YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, WHY I THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO PAY RATHER THAN HAVE THE WOMAN BRING FALSE-ARREST CHARGES? BUT LATER MISS TRENT TOLD ME SOMETHING I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW...
IT WASN'T UNTIL I SAW THE GLOVES IN MR. PETERS' OFFICE THAT I RECOGNIZED THEM... AND REMEMBERED I HAD SOLD THEM TO SOMEONE ELSE! I.. I THINK I CAN GIVE YOU A DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN...
GET THIS DESCRIPTION, STEVE.. AND OF THE WOMAN AS WELL! IT'LL HELP US UNRAVEL THE CASE...
YOU BET, CHIEF! OKAY, MISS TRENT...
I CHECKED THE FILES LATER...
NO RECORD OF THEM! WE'VE RUN INTO A BLIND ALLEY.
OR INTO TWO NEWCOMERS TO ONE OF THE OLDEST TRICKS IN THE BOOKS!
COMPLETE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TWO CULPRITS WERE SENT IMMEDIATELY. THEN.. WE WAITED! FOR THREE DAYS WE COOLED OUR HEELS, THEN...
I'LL TAKE THESE GLOVES, MISS! PUT THEM IN A BAG, PLEASE... AND I'D LIKE A RECEIPT, IF YOU DON'T MIND!
SEND A BULLETIN TO ALL STORES IN THE AREA WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS I OUTLINED TO YOU! AND MARK IT SECRET!
OKAY!
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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

MR. SCHWARTZ? THAT MAN YOU ASKED US TO LOOK FOR... HE..HE'S LEAVING NOW..
SHOP AT TRIMBLE'S
WORD WAS FLASHED TO ME INSTANTLY...
FATSO JUST BOUGHT A PAIR OF GLOVES IN 'TRIMBLES', STEVE! C'MON .WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST
RIGHT BEHIND YOU, INSPECTOR.
STEVE AND I HURRIED TO THE SCENE WHERE THE WOULD BE CROOKS WERE PREPARING FOR THEIR NEXT KILLING!
HERE'S THE GLOVES, ANGELA.. AND THE RECEIPT!
SWELL! THEY OUGHTTA BE GOOD FOR ANOTHER HALF-A-GRAND!
I'LL JUST SLIP THE GLOVES INTO ONE POCKET.. THE SALES RECEIPT INTO MY PURSE! HERE I GO... TO BE CAUGHT SHOPLIFTING BY AN ALERT STORE DETECTIVE!
THAT PLAINCLOTHES DOPE...HE'S GOT HIS EYE ON ME! I'LL MESS AROUND HERE FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS .AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS A LITTLE MORE...
NOW I DROP THE GLOVES ROGER JUST BOUGHT... MAKE IT SEEM AS IF I'M PURPOSELY KNOCKING THEM FROM THE COUNTER...

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

AND I PICK THEM UP IN A VERY SUSPICIOUS MANNER! WATCHED BY THE STORE DETECTIVE..AND BY THE DILIGENT SALESGIRL!
THEY'VE BOTH SEEN ME STEALING THE GLOVES..AT LEAST THEY THINK THEY HAVE! NOW I STUFF THEM INTO MY POCKET!
..AND WALK OUT OF THE STORE! AND THEY CLOSE IN, THE JERKS...
HOLD IT, LADY! WE SEEN YOU SWIPE THEM BLUE GLOVES ..C'MON TO THE MANAGER'S OFFICE!
THIS WAY, LADY, MR SCHWARTZ USUALLY HAS SHOPLIFTERS ARRESTED FOR THEFT!
THIS IS A MISTAKE! I NEVER INTENDED TO STEAL THOSE GLOVES..I..IT'S ALL AN ERROR!
SAT BY SILENTLY. THE WOMAN.. ANGELA HOLMES WAS HER NAME.. WAS ARRESTED, THEN PRODUCED WHAT SHE WAS CERTAIN WOULD BE A SHOCK...
ARREST ME, EH? HERE'S A SALES SLIP FOR THOSE GLOVES!
MAY I SEE IT?
I BOUGHT AND PAID FOR THAT MERCHANDISE.. AND YOU'VE PUSHED A COP ON ME! I'LL SUE THIS CRUMMY STORE FOR FALSE ARREST!
I DON'T THINK SO, MA'AM! NOT ACCORDING TO WHAT I SEE ON THIS RECEIPT OF YOURS!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THESE ARE THE GLOVES FOUND IN YOUR POSSESSION, MISS HOLMES.. LOOK AT THEM CAREFULLY! ESPECIALLY THE COLOR!
THE GLOVES IN YOUR POCKET WERE BLUE... YET YOUR RECEIPT SAYS YOU PURCHASED A RED PAIR! BRING IN THE MAN, STEVE!
NAME
ADDRESS
DATE 2/4
Pair Red Gloves $7.50
(Ladies)
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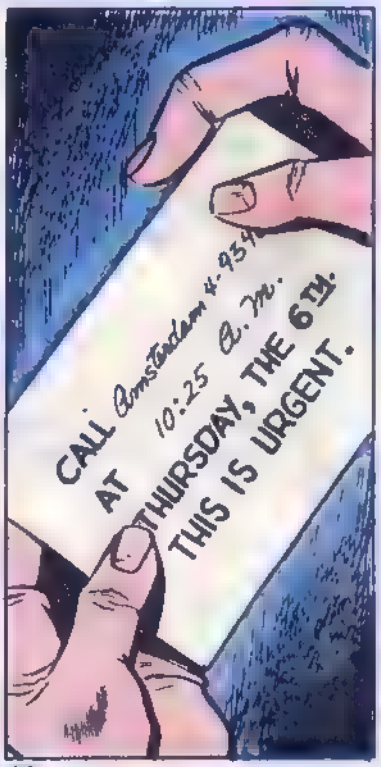
YOU WERE BOTH SO ANXIOUS TO GET STARTED THAT YOU DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO CHECK THE RECEIPT YOU GOT FOR THE PAIR OF GLOVES YOUR GENTLEMAN FRIEND PURCHASED!
ROGER.. YOU SLOW-WITTED SLOB!
I..I THOUGHT YOU'D CHECK THE RECEIPT, ANGELA! WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THEY WERE WISE AND JUST TRYING TO TRAP ... OWWW!
BLIND, FAT FOOL! I TOLD YOU TO GET A LEGITIMATE RECEIPT.. YOU COULDN'T EVEN DO THAT WITHOUT FUMBLING!
BANG!
GUESS THAT WRAPS IT UP, INSPECTOR! WE'LL HUSTLE THESE TWO DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS AND BOOK 'EM FOR ATTEMPTED FRAUD!
A CASE OF TWO CROOKS TRYING TO GIVE AN UNUSUAL TWIST TO WHAT LOOKED LIKE OLD-FASHIONED SHOPLIFTING!
BUT BY FOLLOWING MY INSTRUCTIONS TO HAVE SALESGIRLS MAKE OUT ERRONEOUS SALES RECEIPTS, YOU'VE HELPED US PULL A REVERSE TWIST! I'LL NEED THESE AS EVIDENCE, MR. SCHWARTZ!
KEEP THEM, INSPECTOR.. WITH MY THANKS.. AND GRATITUDE!
SLAP!
THE End.

PENNY-ANTE SALESMAN

HERE'S THE WORLD'S CHEAPEST RACKET.. AS BEING USED IN NEW YORK TODAY!



AT 10:25 THURSDAY MORNING...

WE CAN SELL YOU A VERY FINE, DELUXE SET OF GREAT AMERICAN CLASSICS AT $38.50 A SET... ONLY $5.50 DOWN... AND I CAN DELIVER THEM IMMEDIATELY...

YES, IT WAS JUST A SALE'S PITCH.. BUT WHY DIDN'T THE SALESMAN PHONE DIRECT? BECAUSE POSTCARDS CAN BE MAILED FOR **2¢** IN NEW YORK, BUT A CALL COSTS A **DIME**... AND YOU DON'T ALWAYS FIND YOUR MAN AT HOME...

SO HE MAILED 100 POST-CARDS.. TO MR. THOMAS AND TO 99 OTHERS... COST $2.00 .. AND LET **THEM** PHONE HIM! .. COST $8.00 TO A PHONE BOOTH THAT HE USED FOR AN OFFICE! NOT ONLY DID THE SALESMAN ROUSE THEIR INTEREST AND MAKE THEM TALK TO **HIM**.. HE SAVED $8.00 EVERY DAY AT THE CUSTOMER'S EXPENSE!

THE CATSUP RACKET

Joe Pender faced his "staff" as they were seated around the table in Eleanor's apartment. He was giving them final instructions in one of the neatest rackets ever devised by a crooked man.

"Our next sucker is William Seadman, a construction engineer and a leading man in his little suburban community. However he likes to stop in at the El Morado Bar for his drink. Eleanor will meet him there. Last year he attended the Engineers Convention in Miami Beach. That is where you will say you met him, Eleanor, and from then on the rest should be simple. He does have an eye for pretty women. John Simpson was secretary of the convention and he died two months ago, so you can say you were with John. Any questions?"

"None," ventured Pete Marino, "but I got to say this to you. I have been in all kinds of rackets in my lifetime and this is something that tops them all. Work a sucker a week for it and there seems to be no end to the fish we hook."

"I am glad you like this business enterprise," replied Joe Pender. "However, the next time you bleed, be more realistic about it when you fall to the floor, dead. I thought I saw you move. A corpse is not to move, am I clear?"

"A fly got onto my nose and brother did he bother me," apologized Pete Marino. "Won't happen again. I kill every fly I meet."

William Seadman was at his usual haunt, El Morado Bar, for his drink. In his right hand he held his glass. But he wasn't drinking. Just now his eyes were focused on the gorgeous blonde seated next to him. He was trying to decide which "line" to use to speak to her when suddenly she turned toward him.

"Bill Seadman," uttered a delightful voice, "or a reasonable facsimile of the man I met down in Miami Beach."

"I'm Bill Seadman in the flesh," he replied quickly, "and your name is . . . "

" . . . Eleanor Winters. John Simpson was with me at the Engineers Convention. Poor John. You know he died two months ago. His car ran into a truck on the highway and they took him, unconscious, to the hospital."

"If you aren't busy, how about having supper with me?" asked William Seadman. "We can talk about Miami Beach, conventions, and you."

"I'm due at my Uncle Joe's apartment for supper. I am staying with him. You wait here and I'll call him up and tell him I am dining out with an old friend."

"Not an old friend, but a friend," corrected the sucker as he watched Eleanor go over to a phone booth and close the door. She dialed the number and then got her party.

"Joe??? Eleanor. He bit just like a two-year old. Going to have supper with him. Get the setup working and I should be over at about eleven."

The two dined and danced at one of the finest hotels in the city. William Seadman suggested a ride in his car, and Eleanor consented, but with a stipulation.

"I must be home at eleven. And you can come up to the place with me. I told Uncle Joe about you."

At the appointed time the two were outside an apartment door on the twelfth floor of a beautiful place on Central Park West. Eleanor rang the bell and her "uncle" answered it.

"Come on in. And am I glad you are here! Louis Gargan is inside. I called the police about him. He is making threats against Wilbur. Claims Wilbur cheated him on that mining deal."

Introductions were made and Eleanor and her sucker entered the living room. Suddenly one man entered followed by another holding a gun in his hand.

"You cheated me," shouted the angry man, "and I am going to kill you. I always hated you, Wilbur, and this time you are going to get what you deserve."

He pulled the trigger four times and Wilbur, alias Pete Marino, fell to the floor. As he fell he punctured the hot water bag he had concealed underneath his shirt. And oozy catsup, looking like real blood, came through. Eleanor screamed and Bill held her with two protective arms. Then the door bell rang and Uncle Joe

answered it. Two men showed detective badges and then entered. They questioned everyone about the killing.

"This Louis Gargan is the killer, no doubt about it. However I'll have to take this Mr. Seadman to the police station and book him as a material witness."

The engineer was all upset. He could see the effect this would have upon his job and also upon his reputation. He looked at the two detectives in a pleading manner.

"Perhaps there is something I can do? Would you forget you saw me if I gave you each fifty dollars?"

"Trying to bribe an officer of the law,eh?" snapped back one of the detectives. "Come on with me. I am going to take you right over to the station house."

One detective walked outside of the apartment with William Seadman. Then he looked around and spoke to the point.

"My partner is a very honest detective. But I got a sick wife in the hospital. Make it worth my while and I'll let you go. I'll figure out a way to square it with my partner."

"I have two hundred dollars in my pocket," was the answer.

"A measly two hundred bucks," snapped the man indignantly. "It will cost you thousands if you land in jail. Make it fifteen hundred dollars. Give me the cash you have and a check. But no funny business with that check."

A week passed since that unpleasant event had taken place and Bill Seadman was having nightmares. Every time he saw an officer he was certain the law was looking for him. On Tuesday he found his car had trouble so he took the subway to the railroad station. And then his eyes almost popped out of his head. For there in the subway was a 'corpse'—the man that was supposed to be dead. And then suddenly it dawned upon him what must have happened. He got off at the next station and headed for a phone. An hour later he was seated in the office of Morris Bloom, attorney-at-law.

"Looks like a racket to me. Best thing is to contact the D. A. and see what he knows about it."

The next day the attorney and William Seadman were speaking to the D. A.

"You were a victim of what is known as the catsup racket," said the D. A. "We had a tip-off that a new gang was here in our city using this technique of enriching themselves. But up to the present we haven't been able to spot one of them. And why? Because the victim never complains to the police. He thinks they are looking for him. I'll have a search warrant sworn out and go with you to the apartment."

Eleanor was drinking and seated next to Pete Marino when the bell rang.

"Get it, Pete, and tell them we don't want to buy anything."

Pete opened the door and saw before him none other than Bill Seadman, a tall man, and two officers of the law.

"We have a search warrant," announced the D. A. "and we are coming in."

Five minutes of heated discussion produced nothing but denials on the part of Pete.

"That's the corpse," said Bill Seadman.

"Never saw the man in my life," replied Pete.

But the D. A. saw an angle and he smiled as he spoke.

"Show me where the body fell, Mr. Seadman. If on the bare floor, try to remember. Or if the body fell on a rug, be certain to tell me."

"Right over there," pointed the ex-sucker, "And it was on the bare floor. No rug."

"Rip up the floor boards," said the D. A. to the two officers. "We'll test the boards for catsup at the laboratory. Meanwhile we will arrest these two people."

A week later, William Seadman with his attorney was in the office of the D. A. who handed him a check.

"We recovered most of the money they took from you and other suckers. But locating some of those poor suckers will be a problem for us. In fact, one denied he was involved. Seems he is married."

"The girl and the man will probably get several years in jail?" asked William Seadman.

"They will eventually get the chair but the others will get a term in jail."

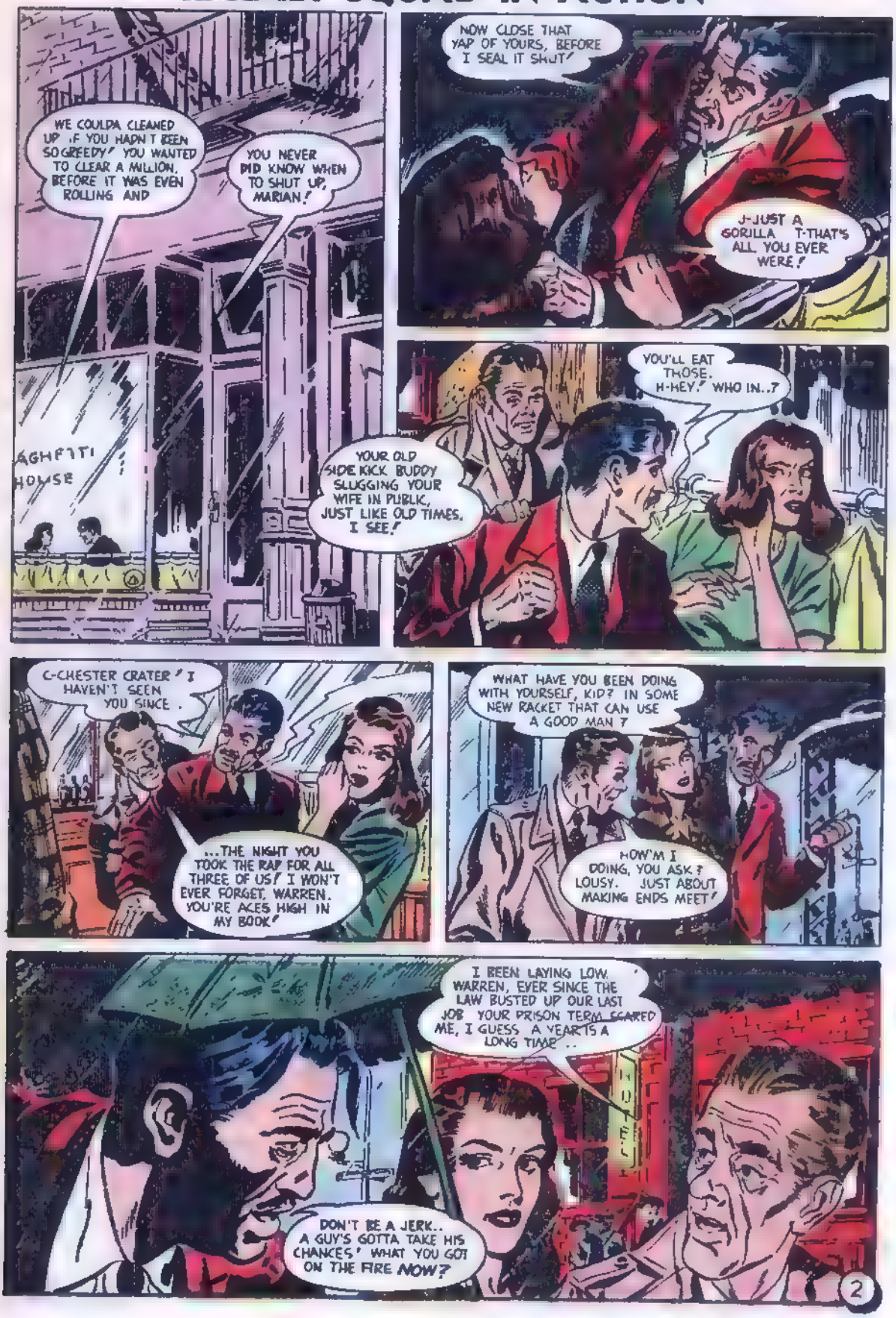
"The chair?" repeated a puzzled William Seadman. "Doesn't make sense to me. The blood was only catsup."

"It was real blood," announced the D. A. "After you left, there was a fight between Pete Marino and Joe Pender. Pete killed Joe. It was over the money and the girl. We got a confession when the laboratory tests showed human blood — not the stuff from tomatoes."

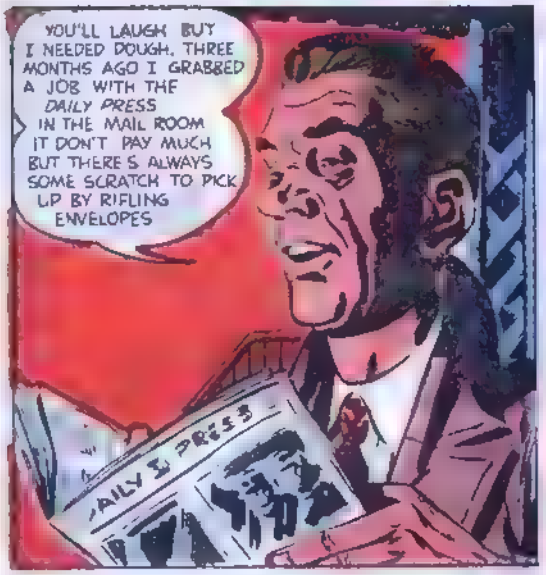
THE END

INSPECTOR J.J O'MALLEY SPEAKING. DO YOU HAVE A FOOTBALL PRIZE CONTEST IN YOUR TOWN? DOES YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER OFFER IS TOP GAMES EACH WEEK DURING THE GRIDIRON SEASON AND CHALLENGE ITS READERS TO PICK THE WINNING TEAMS AND THE PROBABLE SCORES.. WITH THE ENTRANT WHO GUESSES MOST CORRECTLY POCKETING A SIZABLE AWARD? YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF THIS KIND OF QUIZ... MILLIONS OF PIGSKIN FANS FROM COAST-TO-COAST ENTER REGULARLY. IT'S ALL ON THE UP-AND-UP. EXCEPT WHEN SWINDLERS LATCH ONTO THE IDEA AND BEGIN TO SUBMIT ENTRIES WHICH ARE...
LETTER PERFECT
THE JACKPOT... AND WE'RE GONNA KEEP HITTING IT! ONLY, NEXT WEEK, WE'RE GONNA COP FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE CASH! 3,000 BERRIES A WEEK FROM NOW ON!
FIFTEEN WINNERS OUTTA FIFTEEN! A PERFECT SCORE.. AND WE GRAB THE $1,500 FIRST PRIZE!
DAILY EXPRESS
NOW THAT THE CASE IS CLOSED, WE KNOW IT ALL STARTED THE DAY HARPEN ZORACH WAS RELEASED FROM STATE PRISON IN A SHABBY RESTAURANT, HE MET HIS WIFE, THAT SAME NIGHT..."
YOU'RE OUT OF THE POKEY, WARREN, SO WHAT DO WE DO FOR LOOSE CHANGE?
DON'T RUSH ME, BABY — I GOT A MILLION IDEAS!
LIKE THE ONE THAT NETTED US $500... AND MEANT A YEAR IN PRISON FOR YOU? THAT WAS A PRIZE!
DON'T GIVE ME A HARD TIME, MARIAN! I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS BREAKING ROCKS BECAUSE OF THAT JOB... WHILE YOU SAT AROUND AND MOANED ABOUT BAD LUCK!

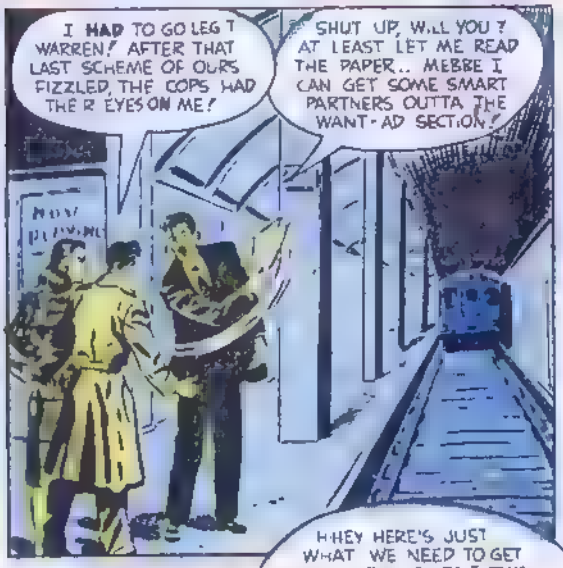
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

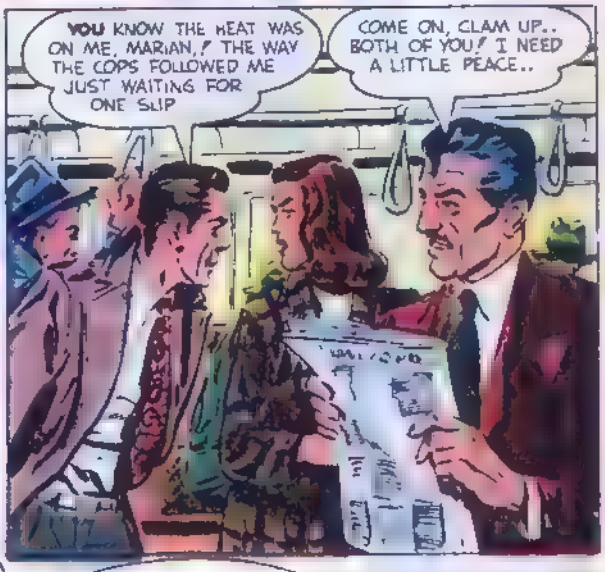

WE COULDA CLEANED UP IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SO GREEDY! YOU WANTED TO CLEAR A MILLION, BEFORE IT WAS EVEN ROLLING AND
YOU NEVER DID KNOW WHEN TO SHUT UP, MARIAN!
AGHETTI HOUSE
YOUR OLD SIDE KICK BUDDY SLUGGING YOUR WIFE IN PUBLIC, JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, I SEE!
NOW CLOSE THAT YAP OF YOURS, BEFORE I SEAL IT SHUT!
J-JUST A GORILLA T-THAT'S ALL YOU EVER WERE!
YOU'LL EAT THOSE. H-HEY! WHO IN..?
C-CHESTER CRATER! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE.
...THE NIGHT YOU TOOK THE RAP FOR ALL THREE OF US! I WON'T EVER FORGET, WARREN. YOU'RE ACES HIGH IN MY BOOK!
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING WITH YOURSELF, KID? IN SOME NEW RACKET THAT CAN USE A GOOD MAN?
HOW'M I DOING, YOU ASK? LOUSY. JUST ABOUT MAKING ENDS MEET!
I BEEN LAYING LOW, WARREN, EVER SINCE THE LAW BUSTED UP OUR LAST JOB. YOUR PRISON TERM SCARED ME, I GUESS. A YEAR IS A LONG TIME..
DON'T BE A JERK.. A GUY'S GOTTA TAKE HIS CHANCES! WHAT YOU GOT ON THE FIRE NOW?

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION


YOU'LL LAUGH BUT I NEEDED DOUGH. THREE MONTHS AGO I GRABBED A JOB WITH THE DAILY PRESS IN THE MAIL ROOM IT DON'T PAY MUCH BUT THERE'S ALWAYS SOME SCRATCH TO PICK UP BY RIFLING ENVELOPES
DAILY PRESS

M MAIL ROOM? YOU'RE A MESSENGER, FIGHTING FOR NICKLES AND DIMES, EH? A WH.N.NG DAME AND A TWO-BIT HUSTLER... A F.NE COUPLA TEAMMATES TO COME HOME TO!
SUSIE
DAILY PRESS


I HAD TO GO LEG T WARREN! AFTER THAT LAST SCHEME OF OURS FIZZLED, THE COPS HAD THE R EYES ON ME!
SHUT UP, WILL YOU? AT LEAST LET ME READ THE PAPER.. MEBBE I CAN GET SOME SMART PARTNERS OUTTA THE WANT-AD SECTION!


YOU KNOW THE HEAT WAS ON ME, MARIAN,! THE WAY THE COPS FOLLOWED ME JUST WAITING FOR ONE SLIP
COME ON, CLAM UP.. BOTH OF YOU! I NEED A LITTLE PEACE..

HHEY HERE'S JUST WHAT WE NEED TO GET BACK IN THE CHIPS! THIS FOOTBALL CONTEST YOUR RAG RUNS EVERY WEEK! IT DOVETAILS NEATLY WITH AN IDEA A GUY GAVE ME UP RIVER

F-FOOTBALL CONTEST? I DON'T GET WHAT YOU MEAN, WARREN
YOU BEEN WORKING AT THIS PAPER FOR THREE MONTHS, WITH THIS TH.NG STARING YOU IN THE PUSS, AND YOU NEVER EVEN TUMBLE! ONE LOOK. AND I GET A HONEY OF AN IDEA!
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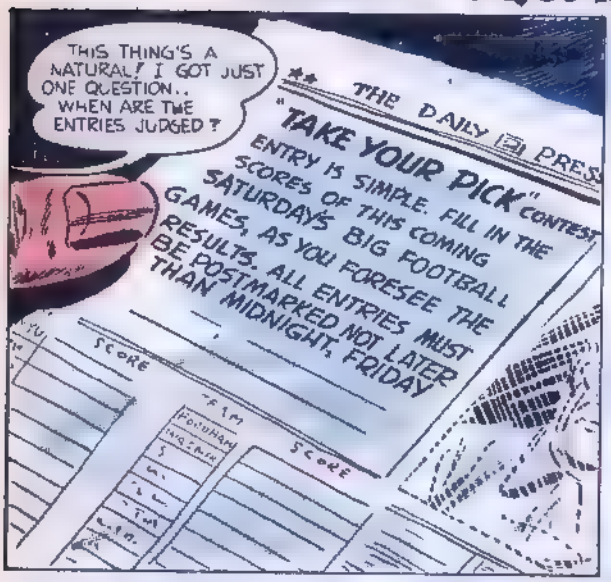
THIS THING'S A NATURAL! I GOT JUST ONE QUESTION.. WHEN ARE THE ENTRIES JUDGED?
THE DAILY PRESS
"TAKE YOUR PICK" CONTEST
ENTRY IS SIMPLE. FILL IN THE SCORES OF THIS COMING SATURDAY'S BIG FOOTBALL GAMES, AS YOU FORESEE THE RESULTS. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY
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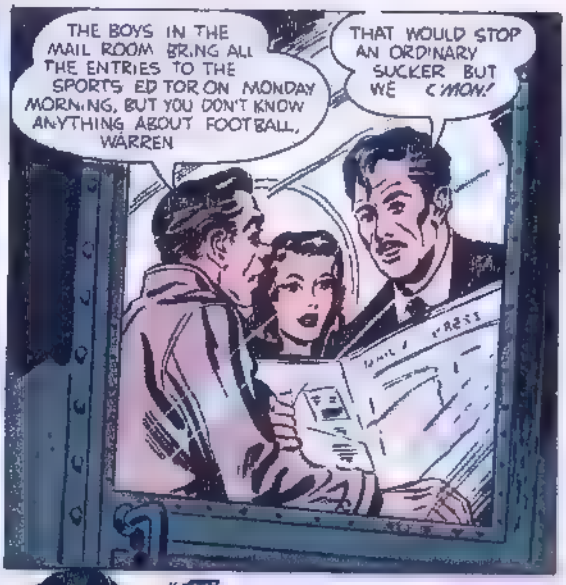
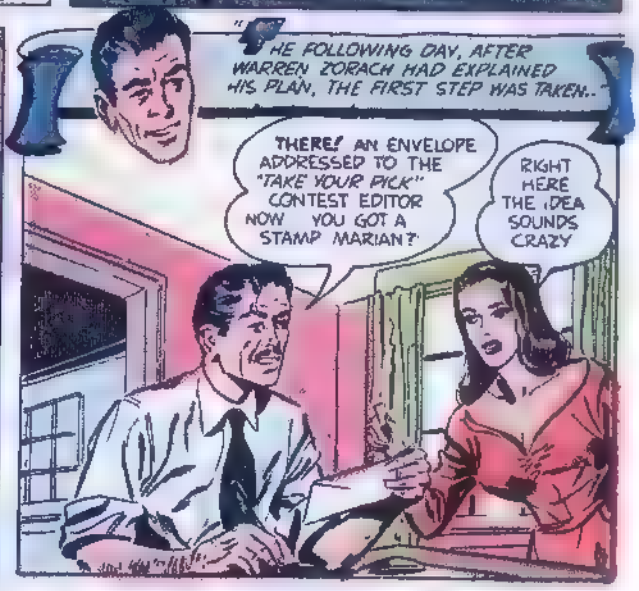

THE BOYS IN THE MAIL ROOM BRING ALL THE ENTRIES TO THE SPORTS EDITOR ON MONDAY MORNING, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FOOTBALL, WARREN
THAT WOULD STOP AN ORDINARY SUCKER BUT WE C'MON!

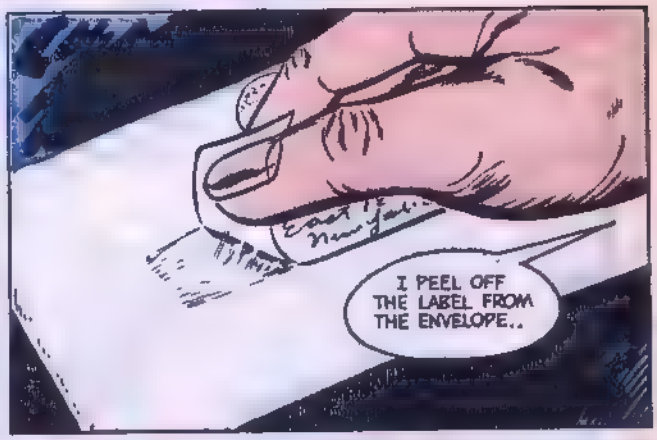

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AFTER WARREN ZORACH HAD EXPLAINED HIS PLAN, THE FIRST STEP WAS TAKEN..
THERE! AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE "TAKE YOUR PICK" CONTEST EDITOR NOW YOU GOT A STAMP MARIAN?
RIGHT HERE THE IDEA SOUNDS CRAZY

SURE IT SOUNDS CRAZY.. THAT'S WHY NO ONE EVER TRIED IT BEFORE THE STAMP'S ON YOU GOT THAT STICKER I ADDRESSED TO MYSELF?
IT'S HERE, FIXED UP EXACTLY THE WAY YOU ASKED

NOW I PASTE THIS STICKER WITH MY ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE WITH RUBBER CEMENT AND I'M ALL SET!
I STILL DON'T THINK IT'S GONNA WORK!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

"THE UNUSUAL ENVELOPE WAS MAILED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AND THE FOLLOWING DAY..."
IT'S BACK... RIGHT AS RAIN! JUST THE WAY I HOPED IT WOULD WORK! LOOK AT IT, MARIAN. .



THEN I RE-ADDRESS THE ENVELOPE TO THE "CONTEST" EDITOR AT THE DAILY PRESS, IT HAS A GENUINE CANCELLATION ON IT, NOW.. CANCELLED AS IF IT WENT THROUGH THE MAIL ON TUESDAY NIGHT. NOW WE WAIT 'TIL SATURDAY AFTERNOON...

"LATE THAT SATURDAY AFTERNOON, THE TRIO OF SWINDLERS AWAITED THE LAST OF THE WEEK'S FOOTBALL RESULTS.. "
HERE IT COMES, WARREN! SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 17 .. U.C.L.A. 10!

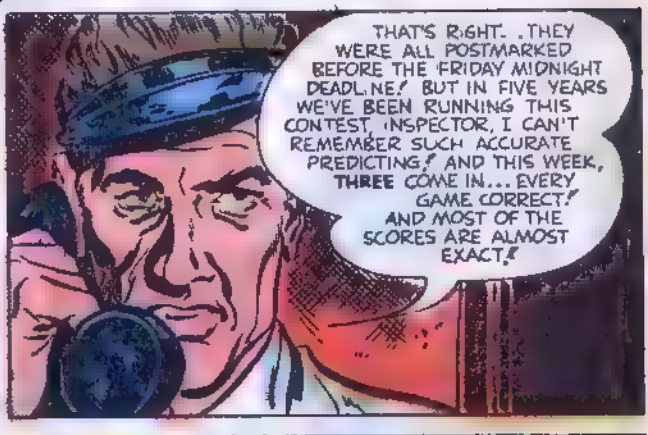
INTO THE ENVELOPE WHICH WAS ALREADY CANCELLED GOES OUR ENTRY... AND AFTER YOU SLIP IT IN WITH THE OTHERS IN THE MAIL ROOM, CHESTER... WE SIT BACK AND WAIT TO BE NOTIFIED THAT WE WON THIS WEEK'S FIRST PRIZE!
CONTEST EDITOR THE DAILY PRESS. N.Y. 3 N.Y.

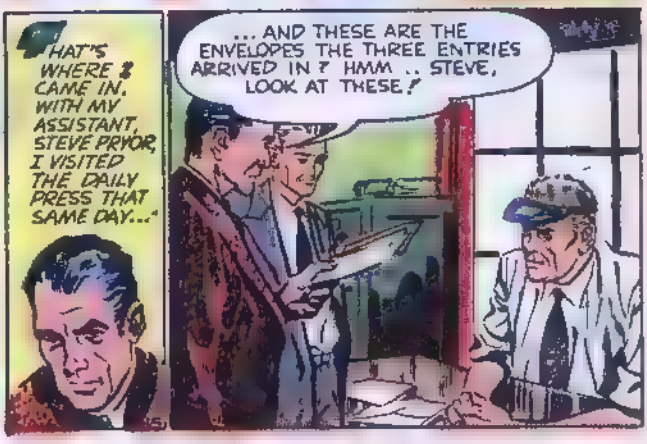
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

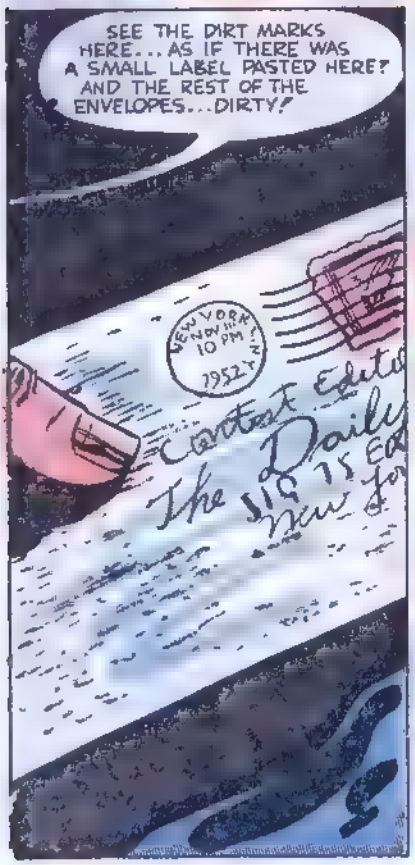
AND THAT'S JUST HOW IT WORKED FOR THE FOLLOWING MONDAY AFTERNOON, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SPORTS EDITOR OF THE 'DAILY PRESS.'
WOW! HERE'S A PERFECT ENTRY SENT IN BY A WOMAN TOO, A MARIAN ZORACH! CONTACT HER RIGHT AWAY.. THE $1,500 IS HERS!
"THAT SAME NIGHT, IN THE ZORACHS' APARTMENT."
$1,500! WHAT A RACKET!
NEXT WEEK, KIDS WE'RE GONNA GRAB SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES, TOO! AT A THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED EACH, THAT MEANS A TOTAL OF $3,000 A WEEK!
WE SEND OUT THREE ENVELOPES THIS WEEK... AND GET THEM ALL CANCELLED THE SAME WAY! THEN ON SATURDAY, AFTER THE SCORES ARE IN, WE PULL THAT SAME PIECE OF SLEIGHT-OF-HAND...
D-DON'T GET GREEDY AGAIN WARREN! REMEMBER THE LAST TIME...
I'VE HAD MY FILL OF YOU, MARIAN! FOR TWO CENTS I D
H HOLD ON WARREN! WE GOT A GOOD RACKET HERE.. LET'S NOT BUST IT UP WITH A FIGHT!
SHE'S ALWAYS WHINING LIKE THAT... IT'S GETTING ON MY NERVES! JUST BECAUSE I ONCE MESSED UP A RACKET...
FORGET ABOUT IT! LET'S START ON THOSE ENVELOPES RIGHT NOW! I CAN ALMOST SMELL THE DOUGH WE'RE GONNA WIN NEXT WEEK...
USING THREE FICTITIOUS NAMES, THE SWINDLING TWO REPEATED THEIR ACTIONS OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK..."
CANCELLED ON TUESDAY. PERFECT! NOW WHEN WE GET THE CORRECT SCORES ON SATURDAY I'LL CHANGE THE REAL RESULTS SLIGHTLY... AND WE NAB ALL THE BIG DOUGH! THEN YOU DO YOUR STUFF AGAIN, CHESTER! HA HA!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

"ONCE AGAIN CHESTER CRATER SLIPPED HIS ILLEGAL ENVELOPES IN WITH THE LEGITIMATE ENTRIES. AND FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONDAY, THE SPORTS EDITOR OF THE DAILY PRESS IS STARTLED BY WHAT HE SEES..."


THAT'S RIGHT. . THEY WERE ALL POSTMARKED BEFORE THE FRIDAY MIDNIGHT DEADLINE! BUT IN FIVE YEARS WE'VE BEEN RUNNING THIS CONTEST, INSPECTOR, I CAN'T REMEMBER SUCH ACCURATE PREDICTING! AND THIS WEEK, THREE COME IN... EVERY GAME CORRECT! AND MOST OF THE SCORES ARE ALMOST EXACT!


THAT'S WHERE I CAME IN. WITH MY ASSISTANT, STEVE PRYOR, I VISITED THE DAILY PRESS THAT SAME DAY...
... AND THESE ARE THE ENVELOPES THE THREE ENTRIES ARRIVED IN? HMM .. STEVE, LOOK AT THESE!


SEE THE DIRT MARKS HERE... AS IF THERE WAS A SMALL LABEL PASTED HERE? AND THE REST OF THE ENVELOPES... DIRTY!
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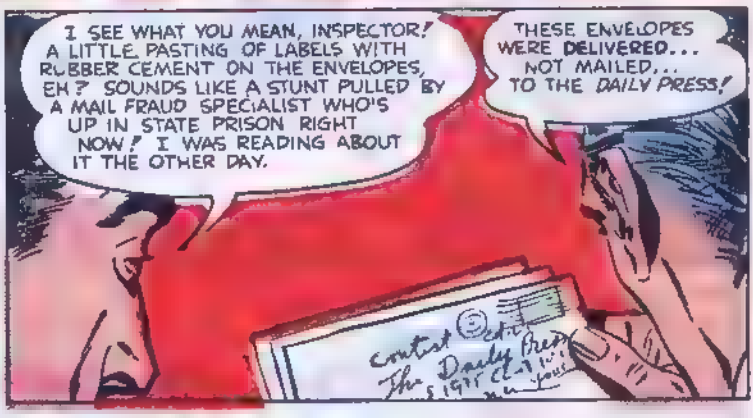
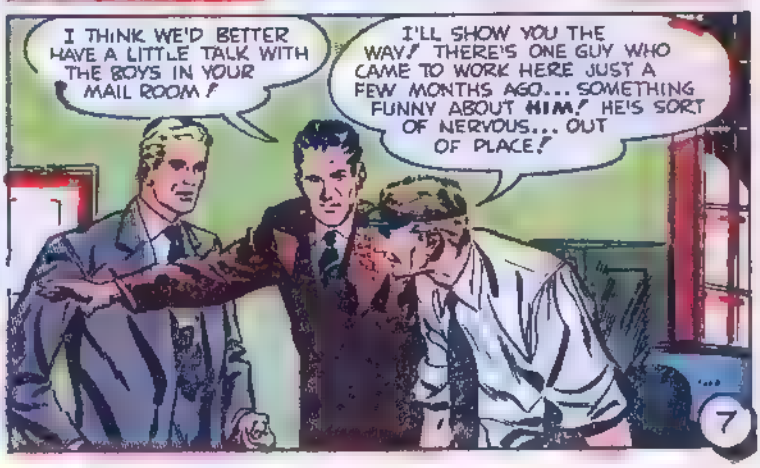
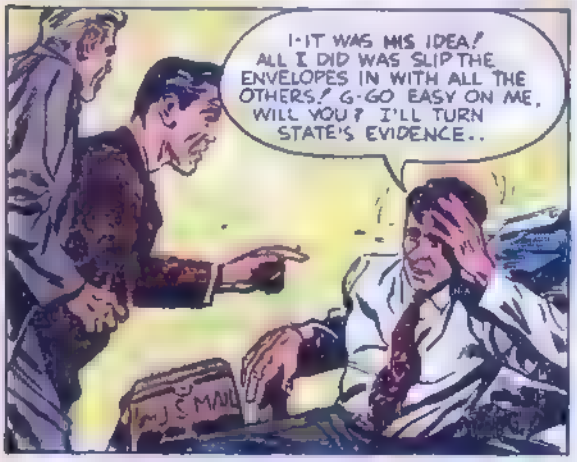

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, INSPECTOR! A LITTLE PASTING OF LABELS WITH RUBBER CEMENT ON THE ENVELOPES, EH? SOUNDS LIKE A STUNT PULLED BY A MAIL FRAUD SPECIALIST WHO'S UP IN STATE PRISON RIGHT NOW! I WAS READING ABOUT IT THE OTHER DAY.
THESE ENVELOPES WERE DELIVERED... NOT MAILED... TO THE DAILY PRESS!

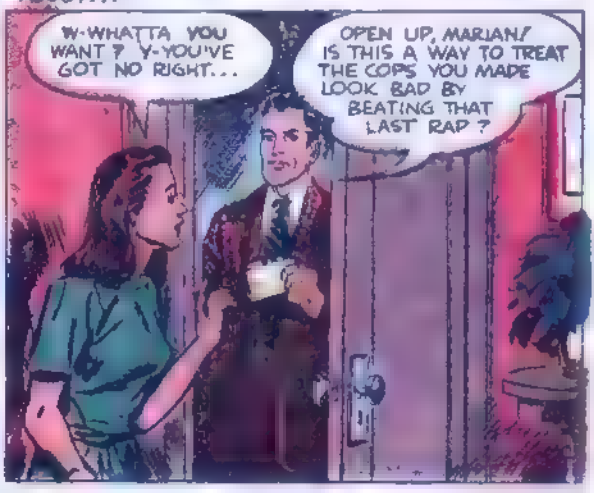

I THINK WE'D BETTER HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH THE BOYS IN YOUR MAIL ROOM!
I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY! THERE'S ONE GUY WHO CAME TO WORK HERE JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO... SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT HIM! HE'S SORT OF NERVOUS... OUT OF PLACE!

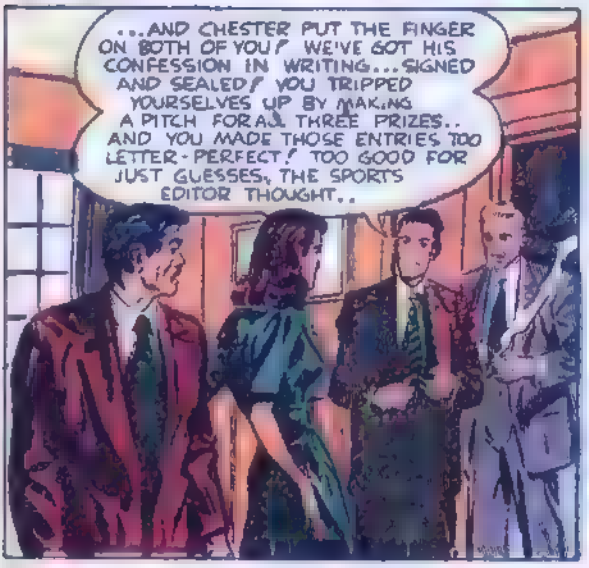
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

"IN THE MAIL ROOM I WAS IN FOR A SURPRISE... AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE WHO CERTAINLY WAS OUT OF PLACE. A HALF-HOUR OF GRILLING AND SMALL TIME CHISELER CHESTER CRATER BROKE DOWN..."

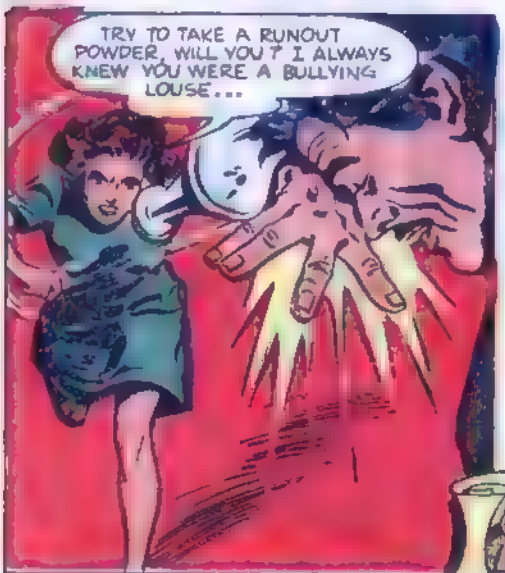


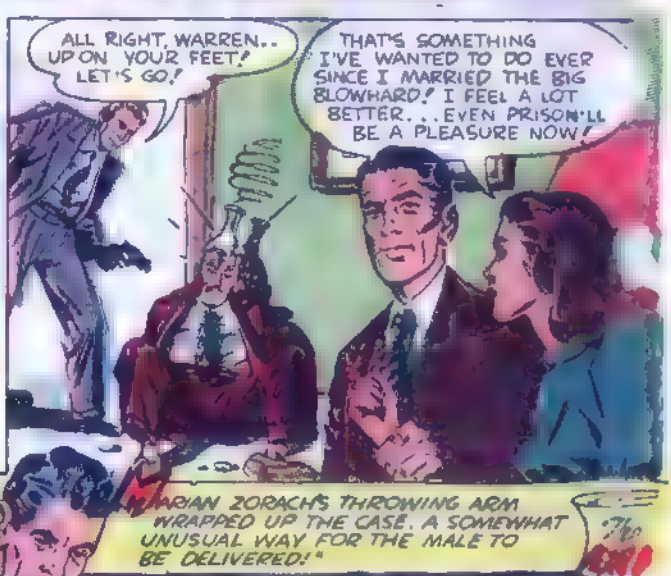
"A FEW MINUTES LATER, I SAW ANOTHER FAMILIAR FACE. IT PEERED OUT AT ME FROM THE APARTMENT CHESTER CRATER HAD BABBLED ABOUT..."


W-WHATTA YOU WANT? Y-YOU'VE GOT NO RIGHT...
OPEN UP, MARIAN! IS THIS A WAY TO TREAT THE COPS YOU MADE LOOK BAD BY BEATING THAT LAST RAP?


...AND CHESTER PUT THE FINGER ON BOTH OF YOU! WE'VE GOT HIS CONFESSION IN WRITING...SIGNED AND SEALED! YOU TRIPPED YOURSELVES UP BY MAKING A PITCH FOR ALL THREE PRIZES.. AND YOU MADE THOSE ENTRIES TOO LETTER-PERFECT! TOO GOOD FOR JUST GUESSES, THE SPORTS EDITOR THOUGHT..

KEEP THE DAME, O'MALLEY! LET HER DO A STRETCH THIS TIME! I'M GOING OUT THE WINDOW AND DOWN THE FIRE-ESCAPE! MOVE AND I'LL DRILL ONE OF YOU BEFORE YOU GET ME! I'M A THREE-TIME LOSER, ANYWAY...
W-WHY, YOU DIRTY DOUBLE-DEALER..!




ALL RIGHT, WARREN.. UP ON YOUR FEET! LET'S GO!
THAT'S SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO DO EVER SINCE I MARRIED THE BIG BLOWHARD! I FEEL A LOT BETTER...EVEN PRISON'LL BE A PLEASURE NOW!

"MARIAN ZORACH'S THROWING ARM WRAPPED UP THE CASE. A SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL WAY FOR THE MALE TO BE DELIVERED!"

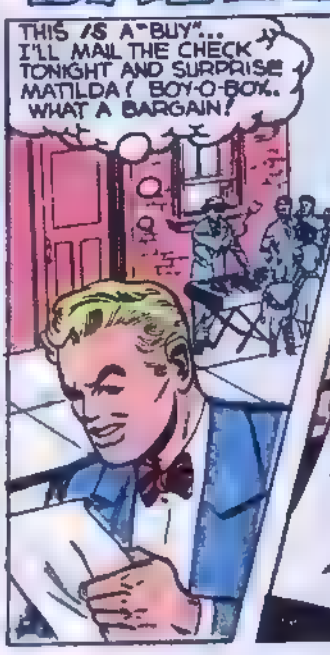
THE END

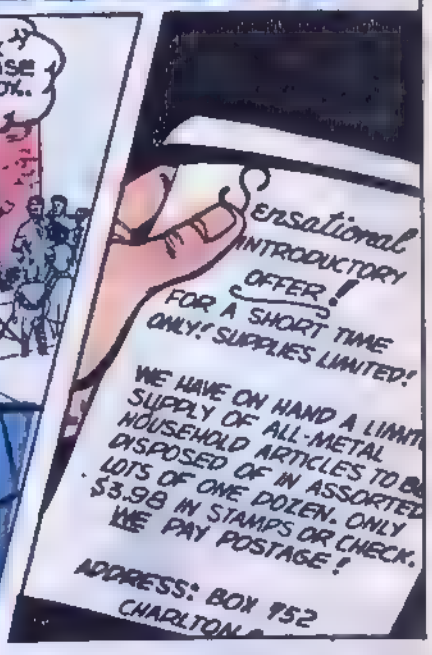
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

BE CAREFUL OF MAIL-ORDER OFFERS, DEAR READER, PARTICULARLY THOSE OFFERED ON THE STREET! SOMETIMES THERE LURKS BEHIND SUCH AN OFFER A...

Sharp SALESMAN

IMAGINE FOLKS.. A DOZEN METAL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES FOR JUST $3.98! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SENSATIONAL MAIL-ORDER OFFER,. MAIL THESE COUPONS TODAY!
I'LL TAKE ONE, MISTER!

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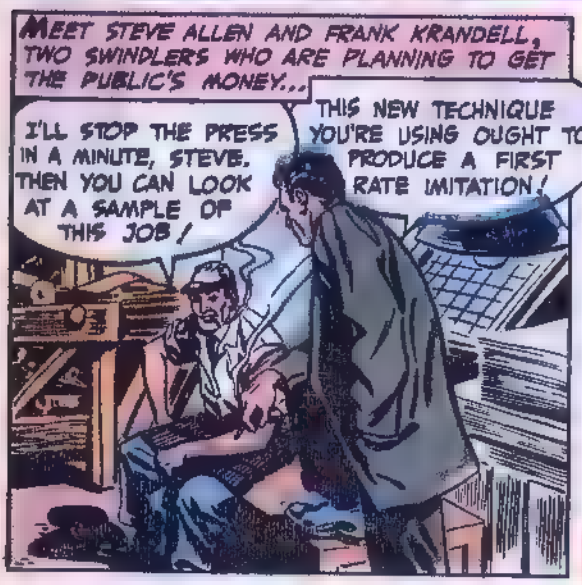
TWO DAYS LATER...
A PACKAGE ARRIVED FOR YOU.. WHAT IN THE WORLD DID YOU ORDER?
A SURPRISE FOR YOU, BABY! A FEW LITTLE THINGS FOR THE HOUSE!

COVER YOUR EYES.. NO PEEKING! I'LL HAVE THIS OPEN IN A SECOND... AND YOU'LL SEE THE TERRIFIC BUY I MADE FOR ONLY $3.98!
HURRY.. I CAN HARDLY WAIT!

WHY, FRED.. THEY LOOK LIKE ORDINARY NEEDLES.. I ALREADY HAVE PLENTY OF THOSE!
A D-DOZEN NEEDLES... ALL-METAL HOUSE-HOLD ARTICLES! FOR $3.98! I'M JUST BEGINNING TO GET THE POINT OF THAT OFFER!

The FAKE BOND SWINDLE

YOU HAVE TO BE WIDE AWAKE THESE DAYS ALL RIGHT. PEOPLE ARE BEING SWINDLED ALL THE TIME. WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW WILL HURT YOU! SO LISTEN TO THIS STORY...
JOHN BURROUGHS, DIRECTOR OF THE FAMOUS FEDERAL ANTI-SWINDLE BUREAU, KNOWN OFTEN AS THE F.A.S.B., HAS ANOTHER INTERESTING TALE TO TELL. IT MAY SAVE YOU LOTS OF MONEY IN THE FUTURE IF YOU KNOW HOW THIS RACKET IS WORKED...
FRELLO HLASCIK


MEET STEVE ALLEN AND FRANK KRANDELL, TWO SWINDLERS WHO ARE PLANNING TO GET THE PUBLIC'S MONEY...
I'LL STOP THE PRESS IN A MINUTE, STEVE. THEN YOU CAN LOOK AT A SAMPLE OF THIS JOB!
THIS NEW TECHNIQUE YOU'RE USING OUGHT TO PRODUCE A FIRST RATE IMITATION!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THIS SUCKER LIST OUGHT TO HELP US. I FIND MR. NARINGS LIKES TO INVEST HIS SPARE DOUGH!
I CHECKED ON HIM AT THE LIBRARY AND NEWSPAPER OFFICE. KNOW ALL ABOUT HIM. SO HERE GOES!
MR. HERBERT NARINGS? THIS IS STEVE ALLEN. I KNEW YOUR SON RICHARD AT STATE COLLEGE!
THAT KNEW-YOUR-SON-AT COLLEGE LINE IS A HONEY!
IT IS A PLEASURE TO TALK TO ANY FRIEND OF MY SON. HE'S IN THE ARMY, YOU KNOW. FIGHTING IN KOREA!
INVITE HIM OVER, DEAR.
THE CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE AND STEVE WILL SEE HIS VICTIM!
I KNOW RICHARD NEVER WROTE TO YOU ABOUT ME. THE CAPTAIN OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM HAS LITTLE TIME TO WRITE HOME ABOUT ALL HIS FRIENDS.
I WISH OUR SON HAD WRITTEN ABOUT YOU. IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU VISIT US.
MAY I ASK WHAT BRINGS YOU TO OUR TOWN? YOU SAID YOU WERE ON YOUR WAY TO THE COAST.
SOME PAPERS I HAD TO HAVE SIGNED. I DEAL IN SECURITIES. FIRST CLASS, LIKE TARLINGTON SERVICE.
I REGARD TARLINGTON SERVICE AS ONE OF THE BEST INVESTMENTS ON THE MARKET TODAY!
STOCK IS SELLING AT 120. AND TO THINK I COULD'VE ONCE BOUGHT IT AT 90!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

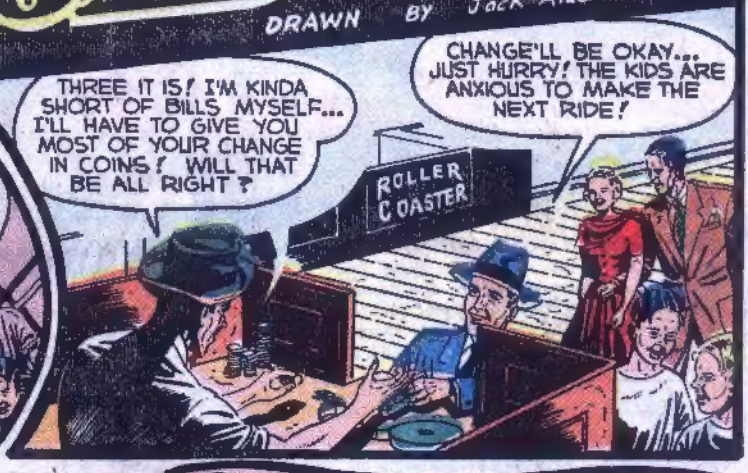
THEY SAY YOU SHOULDN'T CRY OVER SPILT MILK IF YOU REALLY WANT THAT STOCK I CAN GET YOU TWO HUNDRED SHARES AT 90!
QUIT KIDDING ME... IF YOU HAD ANY YOU COULD GET 120 THROUGH YOUR BROKER!
MY CLIENT IS GETTING RID OF HIS CONTROLLING INTEREST, DOESN'T WANT TO SELL IT THROUGH THE STOCK EXCHANGE. YOU MUST AGREE NOT TO SELL FOR THREE MONTHS.
DELIVER THAT STOCK TO ME TOMORROW AT MY OFFICE AND I'LL BUY IT!
THERE YOU ARE MR HARINGS, 200 SHARES OF TARLINGTON SERVICE!
I WISH YOU'D LET ME GIVE YOU A PERSONAL PRESENT. WHAT A BUY THIS IS!
WELL, HERE WE ARE, FRANK. AS SOON AS I CASH THAT CHECK WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY TO NEW FERTILE FIELDS!
I GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU THE WAY YOU FIGURED OUT THIS ENTIRE DEAL!
THIS IS THE BEST HOTEL IN CLEVELAND WHAT TYPE ROOM DO YOU WANT?
THE BEST DOUBLE ROOM YOU HAVE!
ANOTHER CONTACT IS TO BE MADE THE ROUTINE IS THE SAME
DAVID ROSINI SEEMS LIKE A GOOD PROSPECT IN THIS TOWN. HIS SON ALSO WENT TO COLLEGE AND IS NOW IN THE AIR FORCE
IF THIS ONE IS AS EASY AS THE LAST THEN WE'LL MAKE THAT FIRST MILLION WITHOUT TOO MUCH WORK!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

AT THE CLUB, MR. NARINGS DID A BIT OF BOASTING...
I JUST PUT ACROSS A SWELL DEAL. BOUGHT TWO HUNDRED SHARES OF TARLINGTON SERVICE AT 90.
IT SELLS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE AT 120. I DON'T GET IT. WHY NOT SEE YOUR BANKER?
AS YOUR BANKER I'D LIKE TO CHECK THESE SHARES FOR YOU. THEY COULD BE STOLEN PROPERTY!
JOHN, YOU HAVE ME WORRIED. I'LL LEAVE THE SHARES WITH YOU!
MR. JOHN BURROUGHS OF THE FEDERAL ANTI-SWINDLE BUREAU IS HERE TO SEE YOU.
TELL HIM TO COME IN AT ONCE. HE'D KNOW IF ANYTHING WERE WRONG WITH THE STOCK!
THESE ARE FAKE SHARES MADE WITH PHOTO-OFFSETS OF STEEL ENGRAVINGS. THEY HAVE CERTAIN ERRORS RECOGNIZABLE TO THE TRAINED EYE. THE SERIAL NUMBERS ARE OF SHARES BELONGING TO A WALTER HILLSIDE.
I GUESS I WILL HAVE TO TELL MR. NARINGS THE SAD NEWS!
YOU SHOULD BUY LISTED STOCK THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OR CONSULT YOUR BANKER OR DEAL ONLY WITH PEOPLE YOU KNOW. REMEMBER, IN BUSINESS YOU GET NOTHING FOR NOTHING!
MY BANKROLL AND VANITY HAVE BEEN DEEPLY HURT. HE LOOKED LIKE SUCH A FINE YOUNG MAN!
WE FINALLY PICKED UP STEVE ALLEN AND FRANK KRANDELL IN BOSTON, BUT THE MONEY WAS SPENT. THEY ARE NOW BEHIND BARS IN A FEDERAL PRISON!
THE END

WATCH OUT FOR... The HOLD-OUT!

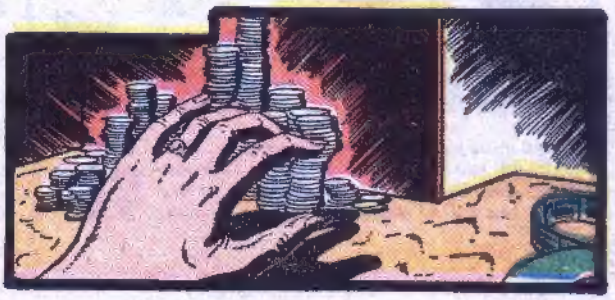
DRAWN BY Jack Alderman


THREE IT IS! I'M KINDA SHORT OF BILLS MYSELF... I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU MOST OF YOUR CHANGE IN COINS! WILL THAT BE ALL RIGHT?
CHANGE'LL BE OKAY... JUST HURRY! THE KIDS ARE ANXIOUS TO MAKE THE NEXT RIDE!
ROLLER COASTER

BECAUSE THE CUSTOMER HAS COUNTED THE COINS AS THE MONEY WAS DROPPED ON THE COUNTER, HE IS SATISFIED THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN SHORT CHANGED...

AND THE WILY TICKET SELLER IS SATISFIED, TOO...

...FOR HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD OUT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CHANGE, BY SKILLFULLY SLIDING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF THE COINS TOWARD ONE SIDE, WHERE THE TICKET-CAGE ITSELF HIDES IT FROM THE VIEW OF THE CUSTOMER! IN THE COURSE OF A BUSY DAY, THE HOLD-OUT MAKES A TIDY SUM BY USING THIS RARELY DISCOVERED TRICK! WATCH OUT FOR IT!



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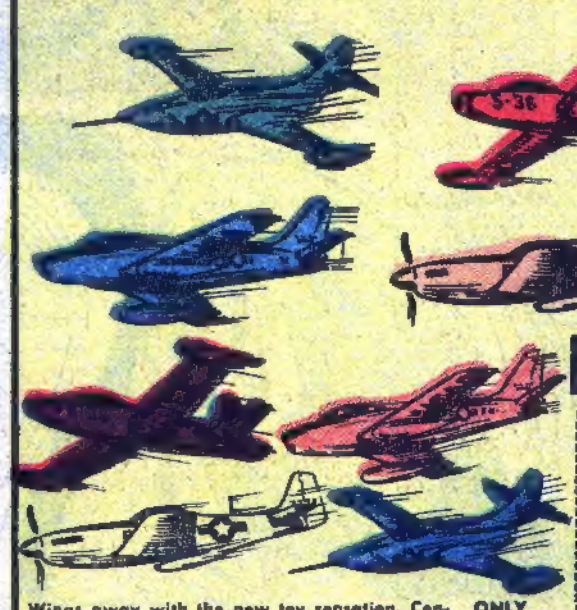

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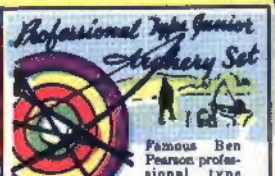

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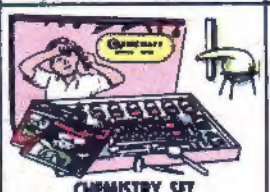

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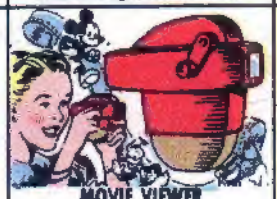

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